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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

## Container for Silverware

We, THE WOOSTER RUBBER COMPANY, a Corporation of Ohio, United States of America, of Wooster, Ohio, United States of America, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a Patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

5 10 This invention relates to a container for silverware, the container designed to be removably supported by a dish drainer basket in either of two different positions, depending upon the conditions of use.

15 An object of the invention is to provide a container for silverware which is readily removable from and quickly attachable to a dish drainer basket, and which is of such a construction that a plurality of such silverware containers may be nested one within the other, whereby in shipping such dish drainer baskets and silverware containers a plurality of baskets may be

20 25 30 nested one within the other and a corresponding number of the removable silverware containers, detached from the baskets, may be placed in nested relation in the top basket of a plurality of these nested units, with a considerable saving of space in packaging.

35 Further the invention provides a removable container for silverware which is designed to be mounted in supported relation upon a dish drainer basket, either inside the basket or outside thereof, the inclination of the sides of the container being such that one side thereof will fit the inclination of the outside of the basket when mounted in that position, and the other side of the container will fit the inclination of the inside of the basket, when mounted in that position.

40 45 Dish drainer baskets of the type for which the removable silverware container of the invention is designed are provided with upwardly and outwardly inclined side portions so that the baskets may be readily

nested, one within the other. The silverware container of the invention has a bottom portion and side portions extending therefrom, the container being open at the top, one of the side portions sloping or inclining upwardly and outwardly from the bottom portion, and the opposite side portion of the container sloping or inclining upwardly and inwardly from the bottom portion in a plane substantially parallel to that of the outwardly inclining side portion. Each of the side portions of the container is provided with an out-turned hook-like rim at its upper edge. The rim is designed to hook over the upper edges of the inclined side portion of the basket. When the silverware container is mounted on the basket in one position to be supported thereby with the container on the outside of the basket, the rim of the inwardly inclined side portion of the container is hooked over upper edge of the correspondingly inclined side portion of the basket, and the inwardly inclined side portion of the container will fit and lie parallel to the outside slope or inclination of the adjacent side portion of the basket. Alternatively when the silverware container is mounted inside the basket the rim of the outwardly inclined side portion of the container is hooked over the upper edge of the correspondingly sloped or inclined side portion of the basket; in this position the adjacent side portions of the basket and the container will fit together and be parallel.

An additional feature of the invention is the provision of the silverware container with a partition therein dividing the same into two compartments.

The invention will now be described in more detail by way of example and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the silverware container;

Figure 2 is a perspective, looking toward

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the bottom thereof;

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a top plan of part of a dish drainer basket, with the silverware container mounted on the inside thereof;

Figure 5 is a partial side elevation, showing the parts in the relation of Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a top plan, showing a dish drainer basket with the silverware container mounted on the outside thereof; and

Figure 7 is a partial side elevation, showing the parts in the relation of Figure 6.

The silverware container, generally designated A, may be made of moulded rubber or plastic or any suitable material, and has a bottom portion 1, substantially parallel side portions 2 and 3, and diverging side or end portions 4 and 5. The silverware container is open at the top as shown.

The side portion 2 inclines upwardly and outwardly from the bottom portion 1, while the opposite side portion 3 inclines upwardly and inwardly from the bottom portion 1 in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of the outwardly inclined side 2. Each of the substantially parallel inclined sides 2 and 3 is provided with an out-turned hook-like rim at its upper edge, the rim at the upper edge of the side 2 being designated 2a and the rim portion at the upper edge of the side 3 being designated 3a.

The silverware container A has a partition 7 extending across the interior thereof from the side 2 to the side 3, the partition 7 dividing the container into two compartments which are relatively narrow in both dimensions so that when silverware is placed in the container A, it will go into one or the other of the interior compartments, and because of the dimensions of the compartment being smaller than the individual pieces of silverware, the latter will not fall down completely into either of the compartments, but will tend to be disposed so that portions of the individual pieces of silverware will extend upwardly, out of the container so that they may be readily grasped for removal.

While the opposite side portions 2 and 3 of the container A are substantially parallel, they nevertheless have a slight divergence from the bottom 1 to the upper edges to facilitate nesting a plurality of containers A one within the other. The end portions 4 and 5 diverge from their lower ends to their upper edges for the same purpose.

The silverware container A is designed to be removably supported either on the inside or outside of a dish drainer basket of common type, having outwardly inclined or diverging side portions whereby a plur-

ality of such dish drainer baskets may similarly be nested, one within the other. In Figures 4 and 5 the container A is shown in one condition of use, attached to a basket of the type mentioned, with the container A positioned on the inside of such basket the latter being of a common type, consisting of a wire frame 8, spaced longitudinal wires 9 connected thereto, and spaced transverse wires 10 also connected to the wire frame 8. The longitudinal and transverse wires 9 and 10 are also secured together at their crossing points. The wires 9 and 10 of the basket form a bottom portion 11 and upwardly and outwardly inclined side portions 12.

In Figures 4 and 5, the silverware container A is mounted on the dish drainer basket to be supported thereby inside the basket, and for this purpose the rim portion 2a is hooked over the upper edge 13 of one of the side portions 12 of the basket. In this condition it will be noted that the side portion 2 of the container A fits and lies along the inside of the inclined side portion 12 of the basket.

In Figures 6 and 7 the container A is shown mounted on the basket to be supported exteriorly thereof, and in this case the rim 3a of the container A is hooked over the upper edge 13 of the inclined side portion 12 of the basket. In this condition it will be noted that the side portion 3 of the container A fits and lies along the outside of the side portion 12 of the basket.

Thus, the container A may be readily removably mounted upon the basket, either interiorly or exteriorly of the latter, depending upon the desires of the user or the condition of use, and in either case the container A properly fits the side of the basket and is adequately supported in contact therewith.

The construction of the container facilitates shipment of the latter and the basket, since with the containers A removed from the basket, a plurality of the latter may be nested one within the other and a plurality of the containers A may be nested one within the other and placed in the top one of the nested baskets, to enable compact packaging and considerable saving of space in the transport of these articles.

The bottom 1 of container A is provided with openings 14 for drainage of water from silverware. It will be noted that the side portions 2 and 3 of container A are inclined with respect to the bottom portion at approximately the same angle as the side 12 of the basket is inclined with respect to its bottom portion 11.

What we claim is:

1. A silverware container for dish drainer baskets, comprising a container having a bottom portion and side portions

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extending upwardly therefrom, the container being open at the top, one of the side portions being inclined upwardly and outwardly from the bottom portion, and the opposite side portion being inclined upwardly and inwardly from the bottom portion, the side portions each having an out-turned hook-like rim at its upper edge. 5

2. A silverware container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the bottom portion has openings therethrough. 10

3. A silverware container as claimed in claim 1, the container having a partition therein dividing the same into two compartments. 15

4. In combination with a dish drainer basket comprising a basket-line structure having a bottom portion and side portions extending upwardly therefrom, one of the side portions being inclined upwardly and outwardly from the bottom portion, a removable silverware container having a bottom portion and side portions extending upwardly from the bottom portion, the container being open at the top, one side portion of the container being inclined upwardly and outwardly from its bottom portion, and the opposite side portion of the container being inclined upwardly and inwardly from its bottom portion, the side portions each having an out-turned hook-like rim at its upper edge. 20

5. A silverware container substantially as described herein with reference to the accompanying drawings. 25

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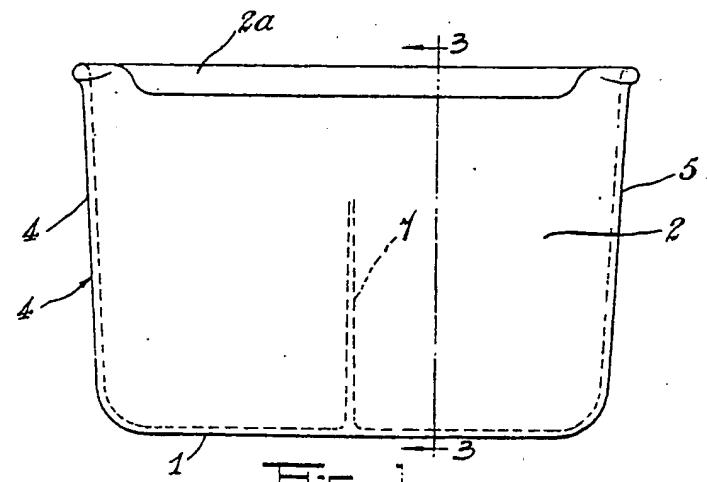


Fig. 1

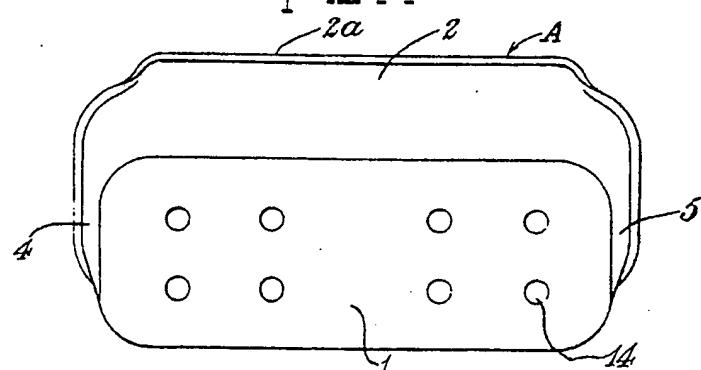


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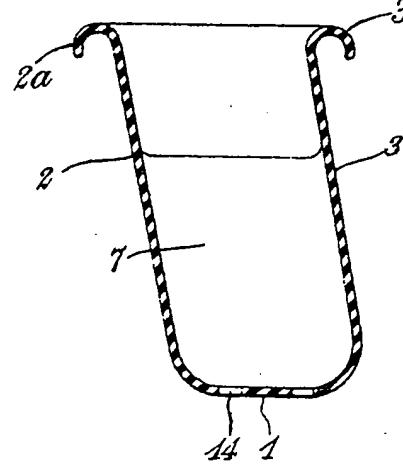


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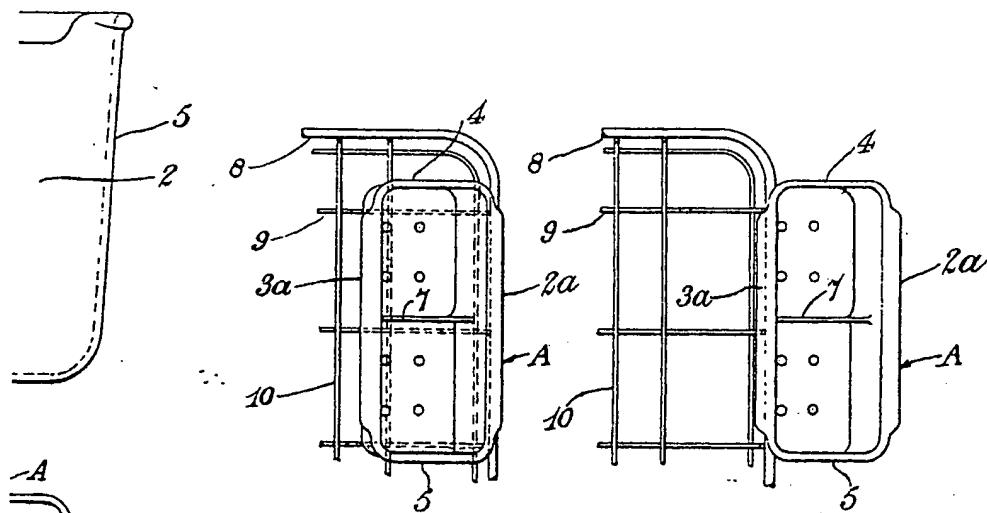


FIG. 4

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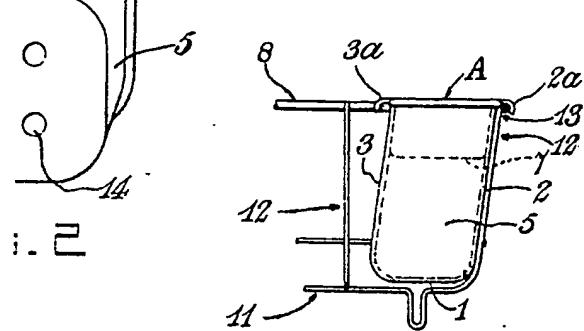
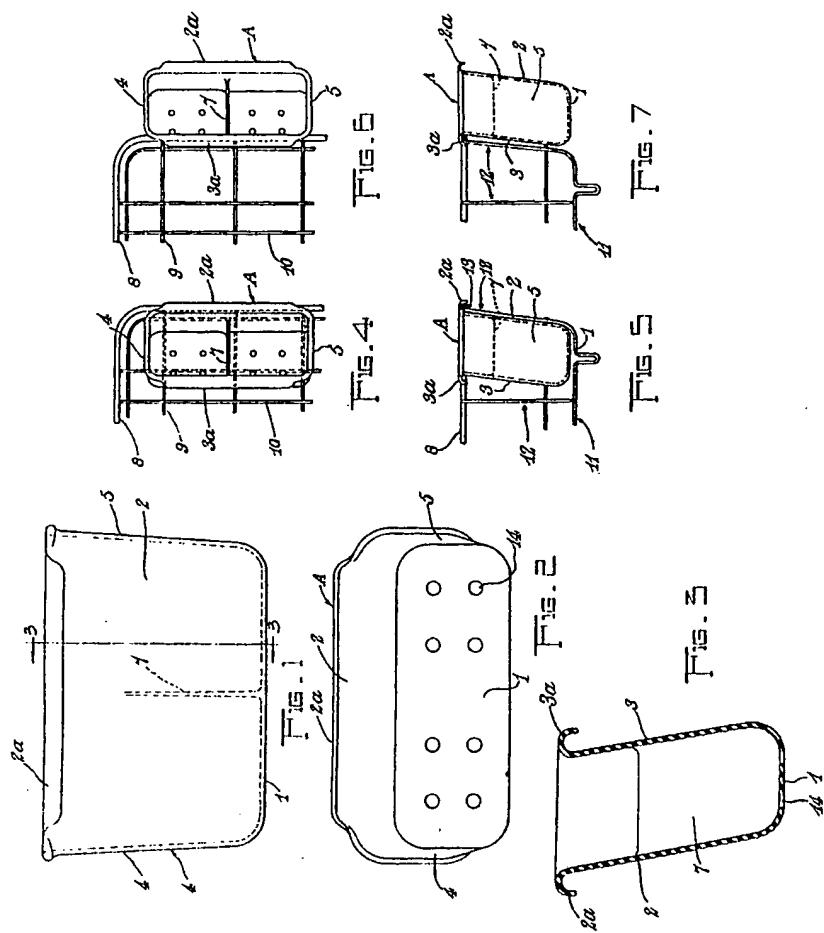


FIG. 5

FIG. 7



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